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Report on the Regional Transport Committee meeting, 26 August 2014

1. Purpose

To inform the Council of the Regional Transport Committee (the Committee) meeting of 26 August 2014.

2. Public presentation

The following people spoke to item 5 on the agenda – Implications of the draft decision on the Basin Bridge Proposal:

- Ed Randall and Ralph Chapman (New Zealand Centre for Sustainable Cities)
- Chris Watson
- Christine McCarthy (Architectural Centre)
- Mike Mellor (Wellington Civic Trust).

Ed Randall and Ralph Chapman advised the Committee that they had modelling software, which they believed would help in determining options and alternative solutions to deal with traffic issues at the Basin Reserve. Mr Randall and Professor Chapman offered to help the Committee with future work on this issue.

Chris Watson presented the Committee with a proposal to determine the most suitable bus type for Wellington.

Christine McCarthy spoke to the Committee about the impacts that the Board of Inquiry's draft decision could have on housing. The Architectural Centre has offered to be involved in discussions about future possibilities for the Basin Reserve.

Mike Mellor advised the Committee that the Wellington Civic Trust saw the Board of Inquiry's draft decision as providing an opportunity and innovation to be demonstrated in finding solutions.

3. Reports

3.1 Implications of the draft decision on the Basin Bridge Proposal

The Committee discussed the potential implications of the draft decision by the Board of Inquiry on the Basin Bridge Proposal, and the potential implications

for the Wellington region, the wider transport network and regional transport planning.

The Committee agreed that any process established to re-consider options for dealing with the Basin Reserve should be undertaken on a collaborative basis between NZTA, GWRC and WCC and should be progressed as a regional priority.

The Committee acknowledged the large amount of work that staff had put into the project.

3.2 Proposed targets for the Draft Regional Land Transport Plan 2015

The Committee received a presentation outlining how the proposed measures and targets have been developed, where data was sourced from and what key assumptions were made.

The Committee discussed the proposed measures and targets and agreed to include them (subject to further refinement) in the draft RLTP for consultation in January / February 2015.

3.3 Targeted consultation on the Regional land Transport Plan

Amendments to the Land Transport Management Act 2003 (LTMA) in June 2013 require a new Regional Land Transport Plan (RLTP). This is required to be adopted by May 2015.

To assist in the further development of the draft RLTP the Committee agreed that targeted pre-consultation be carried out on the issues, key challenges, objectives and outcomes for the region's transport network over the next 30 years.

The Committee suggested some minor changes to the proposed consultation brochure.

3.4 Sustainable Transport Annual Achievement Report 2013-14

The Committee received the Sustainable Transport Annual Achievement Report. This report sets out the general highlights and updates of GWRC's sustainable transport programmes in 2013/14.

The Committee noted that they were pleased with the progress that this report showed and requested that it be widely distributed.

The Committee noted that it will be provided with more data on the Regional School Travel Plan Programme at its next meeting, including the percentage of schools involved in the programme and the socio-economic status of schools involved.

3.5 Let's Carpool Report 2014

The Committee was updated on progress with the Let's Carpool programme and results of the Kiwi Carpool Week 2014 campaign.



It was noted that there was opportunity for Let's Carpool to work with city and district councils in the region, in addition to companies. It was noted that a Let's Carpool app was being considered. Similar apps have already been developed overseas and are highly successful.

3.6 Active a2b Report 2014

The Committee discussed the evaluation report of the Active a2b programme and its a2b Go challenge. The programme is part of GWRC's work to reach regional targets to increase the number of walking and cycling trips and reduce congestion in urban areas.

The Committee noted that infrastructure was still a barrier to cyclists. Confidence to ride with traffic is being addressed through cycle skills workshops.

4. The decision-making process and significance

No decision is being sought in this report.

5. Recommendations

That the Council:

- 1. Receives the report.*
- 2. Notes the content of the report.*

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